

Public Health Improvement Partnership PHIP
PHIP Update, September - December 2005:

The Public Health Improvement Partnership (PHIP) works to guide the development of the public health system in our state. On a two-year cycle, the Partners develop a workplan and form committees to achieve the specific objectives set for the biennium. The PHIP workplan is based on a vision for the type of public health system we would like to see in our state. (The vision statement is attached.) An improved public health system makes a difference in the health of communities and the PHIP plans to demonstrate that difference clearly.

PHIP members include the Washington State Department of Health, the Washington Association of Local Public Health Officials (WSALPHO), the University of Washington School of Public Health, the State Board of Health and the Washington Health Foundation. In addition, membership has been solicited from the American Indian Health commission.

In recent years, this Partnership has produced the *Public Health Improvement Plan (PHIP)* - www.doh.wa.gov/phil/PHIP2004.htm, the *Report Card on Health* - www.doh.wa.gov/phil/reportcard, a workforce survey called *Everybody Counts* - www.doh.wa.gov/phil/communications/tools/survey/everybodycounts, *white papers* on public health financing - www.doh.wa.gov/phil/Financing/MeetingMaterials.htm, documents on health care access issues, a *toolkit* - www.doh.wa.gov/phil/communications/tools/tools.htm for communicating about public health, and *Standards for Public Health in Washington State* - www.doh.wa.gov/standards/default.htm. All of these documents and more can be viewed on our website at: www.doh.wa.gov/phil

Recent Activities include:

- Since September, we applied for and were awarded an RWJ grant based on our Standards work. That required lots of reading, writing and an out-of-state trip for a kick-off meeting. Thanks to Janet Davis, Torney Smith, Bill White, Rita Schmidt and others who made all of that a success.
- The Report Card on Health has been finalized and presented at the Joint Conference. It has been mailed to all LHJs and is an active website. We've received many compliments on this work -- and one was from a CDC colleague who was excited to pass it along to the Institutes of Medicine as an excellent model. Kudos to Juliet VanEenwyk, Lillian Bensley, Donna Russell, Jude Van Buren, Ward Hinds, and all the members of the Key Health Indicators Committee.
- Our Standards Reports have been completed, presented to the Standards Committee and distributed to DOH and LHJs. Presentations of the findings have been scheduled for WSALPHO forums and DOH. At this point, everyone has their own site report and the overall state report. The Committee accepted final reports on Administrative Standards and the special Program reports. Copies of these are posted at www.doh.wa.gov/phil/Standards/Reports.htm
- The PHIT, Standards, and Access Committees have met in recent weeks. Staff has initiated work on contracts for Standards, Environmental Health, Public Health Nursing Directors, Leadership Institute and other work.

Thanks! We'll be in touch